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EXAMINATION RESULTS

High School Matric. Class Does Well. But First-Year Students Do Badly

Total marks, 900; passing marks, 540.
Preliminary Class (1st Year).

The Educational Department at Victoria has announced that there will be no departmental examination for First Year students next June. The promotion from this class will be based on the students' work throughout the year. As the following marks show, the work of over half of this class is far from satisfactory. The attention of these pupils seems to be absorbed in other things than their school work; homework is done in a shiftless manner, if done at all, usually it is left to be done hurriedly at school the next day.

This note is inserted for the express purpose of bringing this matter to the notice of parents, for unless there is a decided improvement in both work and effort these students will never get past the First Year's work at High School. If parents wish a detailed list of marks the Principal will be pleased to supply them.

The following are the marks obtained:

Stanley Silke 782, Beata Lloyd Jones 682, Loraine Woolsey 641, Godfrey Groves 635, Frances Heron 610, Tom Taylor 596, George Pettigrew 566, Douglas Kerr 560, Terence Crowley 541, Annie McMillan 489, Ian Weddell 479, Opal Thompson 457, Russell Leckie 443, Jim Calder 419, George Sutherland 419, Bob Thayer 413, Judson Copeland 393, Robert Dykes 357, Henry Crowley 355, Willie Raymer 353, Guy DeHart 334.

Advanced Class (2nd Year).

Ralph Bulman 639, Margaret Clarke 613, Frances Buckland 585, Lottie Lloyd-Jones 560, Vivian Jones 551, Fred Whitehead 547, Marjory Bulman 529, Marjorie Switzer 519, Lawrence Marshall 516, Earl Howard 500, Nettie Hargrey 496, Muriel McLoughry 491, Annie Reekie 458, Blossom Buck 456, George Day 447, Marguerite Budden 439, Laura Wilson 406, Eleanor Dawson 385, Tena McMillan 370, Percy Rankin 350.

Matriculation Class (3rd Year).

Gladstone Langille 755, Ralph Ritchie 752, Clifford Buck 740, Dorothy Evans 738, Ruby Raymer 737, Leo Newby 703, R. C. Taylor 699, Cecil Dawson 678, Jean Murray 578.

GLENMORE NOTES

A Sunday School entertainment will be held in the Public School on Thursday evening of next week and all are invited to assist in giving the children a good time.

A blaster's helper was last Thursday awarded \$10,000 damages for the loss of his right arm and other injuries received while in the employ of the Granby Mining & Smelter Co. The decision has been appealed. It is a lucky thing for the government that soldiers' limbs are not valued at this high rate.

A channel was opened last Friday through the Gaillard Cut in the Panama Canal which has been blocked since last September. It will still be some time, however, before the opening will be large enough to permit the traffic of large steamers.

BIG MILITARY "SMOKER" TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

Large Gathering Formally Welcomes Invalided Heroes—Excellent Musical Programme—Sergt. Lloyd Relates How the Canadians Saved the Situation at Ypres.

An excellent smoking concert was given in Raymer's Small Hall on Tuesday evening in honour of the return of some of the Kelowna men who have been invalided home from Europe, and to provide a means of expressing the pleasure of the community at having them once again safely—even if wounded—returned to the home town. An invitation had been extended to the new overseas contingent, to the members of the Kelowna Volunteer Reserve, and to any possible or intending recruits of either body, or, in fact, anybody who was keenly interested in the welfare of military matters for the good of the Empire and its cause. Over 150 people took advantage of the opportunity given them of showing their loyalty to the Country and their appreciation of the services rendered by the honoured guests of the evening.

In addition to a splendid programme, consisting chiefly of local talent, during the evening Sergt. D. Lloyd recounted many of his experiences from the time when he left Kelowna to take up training as a member of the 7th Battalion until his return here. Pte. Wilson also told of his doings with the Princess Pats up to the time of his injury. Unfortunately Sergt. Taylor was unable to be present, but Sergt. Lloyd, Corpl. Anderson and Pte. Wilson attended and were persuaded into taking prominent seats beside the chairman, Dr. Boyce. Their entry was the signal for an outburst of applause speedily followed by the National Anthem, after which the chairman called upon Mayor Jones to address the gathering. In a few well chosen words Mayor Jones called to mind that these men had been fighting for the British Empire, which Empire stood for liberty and a willingness to give that liberty to all the world. He went on to express his regret that the late W. R. Pooley, who had been so heart and soul in the work of all military affairs in Kelowna, was not with them to what Kelowna had done and was doing, for he was sure that the men who were going to the front would do their duty just as these men who had been to the fighting lines had done theirs. He then extended to the three heroes a hearty welcome on behalf of the citizens, the new recruits and the Kelowna Volunteer Reserve. This was appropriately and enthusiastically taken up by the

whole room with the customary musical honours, after which the programme for the evening was proceeded with.

The first half of the entertainment consisted of the following: Pianoforte solo by Mr. H. Tod Boyd; song, "Rising Early in the Morning," by Mr. Geo. McKenzie, followed by an encore "The Wedding of Sandy McNab"; recitation, "The Man from El Dorado (R. W. Service)," by Mr. Eric Dart; song, Mr. H. C. Smith; violin solo, "Saltarello," Mr. Drury Pryce, followed by an encore, "Variations" (Tartini); comic song, "If I was England's King," Sergt. Chaplin, followed by an encore.

Sergt. D. Lloyd then gave a graphic experience of his doings in the 7th Battalion. He told of the splendid formation and ar-

LILLIPUTIAN TEA

Red Cross Girls Hold Christmas Juvenile Sale of Work—Raise Over \$100

Fun, pleasure and excitement reigned supreme at the Lilliputian Tea and Sale of Work which was given by the girls of the Kelowna Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society last Saturday afternoon. Alsgard's old store was kindly lent for the occasion by the Kelowna Furniture Company, but in spite of the capacious premises the place was thronged to its utmost with visitors and purchasers.

Such a chattering, such a hurrying here and there, such gleeful fits of laughter, were certainly never seen in the store before and probably never in the whole town, as big and little girls put all their energies into accomplishing two things—an afternoon crammed with fun and pleasure and obtaining a big sum of money for Red Cross Work—and in both they were successful: the first can be testified to by the crowd of visitors of all ages while the figures speak for the second accomplishment, \$117.30 having been taken during the afternoon. The expenses incurred in the entertainment amounted to \$17.25, leaving a balance of \$100.05 to the credit of the girls and others who helped to make the event such a success.

Scattered over the main floor were neat little tea tables where customers were waited on by the daintiest of little maidens in white nurses' dresses with red crosses on their arms. In fact all those who assisted in the combined work and pleasure of the afternoon wore this same distinguishing dress, which went far towards keeping the visitor in mind of the charitable purpose of the affair. The Christmas Tree, of course, was not forgotten, but its heavily laden branches were speedily disposed of their burden of gifts which were handed to the lucky purchasers by Mrs. Santa Claus, for as one youngster was heard to remark, "It must be Mrs. Santa Claus, because Santa Claus himself does not wear skirts," and he pointed to the gaping red cloak of the Christmas visitor—alas that the sentimental imagination of childhood is not as great as its penetrating reasoning.

On the mezzanine floor were tables and stalls where flowers, fancy work, candies, pop corn and such like articles could be purchased from the prettily gowned little Red Cross girls. A handsome brass doll's bed, furnished complete, and a doll which surmounted the Christmas Tree, were both raffled for during the afternoon. Mrs. F. R. E. DeHart was the lucky winner of the brass bed while Mrs. G. L. Campbell secured the doll.

There are 69 members of the Junior Red Cross Society in Kelowna, and nearly 30 of these young ladies took some active part in Saturday's programme. The Tea Girls were Misses Audrey Knox, Frances Treadgold, Una DeHart, Flossy Patterson, Violet Dillon, Iris Webster, Ruth Rowcliffe, Reba Willits, Miriam Small, Honey Parkinson and Kathleen Campbell. While mentioning these young ladies it must be remarked that the excellent way in which they waited at table amidst such a throng of people was most creditable. Every want was watched for and as speedily supplied with a nimbleness far exceeding that of the most experienced waiters. (Continued on page 6.)

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THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1915

STARVING BELGIUM

The occupation which is choking Belgium renders impossible its economic resuscitation and until it is evacuated by the enemy the number of needy ones will keep on increasing. Seven million Belgians dared remain in Belgium. The majority of them have fallen in poverty as a consequence of the industrial paralysis and require to be assisted by the benevolence of the outside world. A recent report from Mr. Herbert Hoover, the devoted President of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, contains the following painful statement:

"The growing and gloomy problem is one of unemployment, for month by month, a larger proportion of the industrial mass of over 3,500,000 people falls further into destitution."

We are on the threshold of a new winter, which will be hard and painful to the suffering Belgian population.

You, who have been spared the horrors of invasion, will you once more, as you so generously did last winter, give a compassionate thought to the martyr-people, to the nation which deliberately sacrificed itself in the defence of the noble principles at stake in the gigantic struggle in which we are all involved?

It is bread that is being asked for the Belgians, the bread that must help them to live through the anxious expectation of deliverance.

It is estimated that a bag of flour, costing only \$2.50, would make enough bread to feed two Belgians for a month. Is it asking too much that you forego a luxury so that a life may be preserved?

Your cheques or money orders may be addressed either to the provincial or local committees of the work or directly to the Central Executive Committee of the Relief Work for the Victims of the War in Belgium, who will acknowledge receipt. Forms for use in transmitting money can be obtained at the "Courier" Office.

THE LATEST NEWS BY WIRE

OFFENSIVE FAILED

GERMANS ON THE DVINSK FRONT BURY CANNON AND RETREAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A cable to the "Herald" received from London this morning quoted the following despatch from the correspondent of the London "Daily Express" at Geneva: "The German offensive on the Riga-Dvinsk front has completely failed and Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been forced to retire before strong Russian counter attacks, after burying his cannon and abandoning an enormous amount of material. The Germans, who were unable to cross the Dvina, suffered heavily. Five German divisions have retreated towards Tukum against which place the Russians are now advancing, and already a sanguinary battle is in progress."

OZANNE MURDER CASE STILL PROCEEDING

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lieut. Coderre, the acting adjutant of the 41st Montreal Battalion, was charged today with the wanton murder of Sergt. Ozanne, the canteen secretary of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. Hubert Hull is defending Lieut. Coderre under instructions from the Dominion Government. The prosecuting counsel is said to have alleged that Coderre, being pressed for money, and having drawn several worthless cheques which had been dishonoured, had become financially entangled with Sergt. Ozanne. He had lured Ozanne to a house with the pretense of paying him back the money, obtained a receipt for £262 which the unfortunate man never received, and then murdered him under circumstances which have previously been related. When Coderre was arrested £218 was found on him. The case is still proceeding.

ITALY HAMMERS DOWN FORT POR

ROME, Dec. 22.—In the Guidi Caria Valley on Monday night our artillery and aircraft effectively bombarded Fort Por of the Lasare group. On Tuesday the bombardment was successfully renewed. Enemy aeroplanes which went up in the course of the action were attacked and forced to retreat. In the Terragnole Valley detachments of the enemy's infantry, which attempted to approach our positions, were counter attacked and repulsed, leaving some prisoners. In the Sugana Valley our artillery fired on the railway station at Lelico where movements of troops were reported to be taking place. On the Asiago Plateau, on Tuesday, an enemy aeroplane was forced to land and the pilot was captured. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report except that we received a few shots from the enemy's batteries fired against Caporetto and an attack by the enemy's aircraft against our positions at Podgora, opposite Perma. No damage was done.

Pte. Page, of the 47th Battalion, who edited "The Weekly Chronicle" of the camp while at Vernon, is again in the military newspaper business, the first number of the "Chronicle" to be published at Bramshott Camp and printed at Aldershot has just reached us. The date of the publication is December 4th and it is breezy and as full of fun and news as ever. The question now is whether Editor Pte. Page will continue to publish when in the trenches.

To keep a fire in: Lock all the doors, hide the keys and don't let it out.

"WM. P. FRYE" AGAIN

STILL ANOTHER REPLY RECEIVED BUT U. S. STILL IN DOUBT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The full text of the German reply to the last American note regarding the sinking of the American ship "Wm. P. Frye" has been received by the State Department through the mails. Ambassador Gerard has admitted to various officials. He said, however, that on account of its possible bearing upon the open issue involved in the "Lusitania" and "Ancona" cases, the State Department will not this time make public the details of the reply. It is understood, however, that the answer still leaves doubt as to the attitude of the German government towards the American suggestion that the requirements of the Declaration of London, which state that "before a vessel is destroyed all aboard must be placed in safety," be met and adhered to.

The government at Washington has expressed itself as not being satisfied with merely giving "an opportunity of escape to life-boats" in the open sea. It is thought that this subject may be discussed as a separate question, perhaps in connection with the practice of submarine warfare as involved in the "Lusitania" case.

GOOD RELATIONS DEPEND UPON REPLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The reply of the United States to Austria's note on the destruction of the Italian liner "Ancona" declares that the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped, and while the passengers were still on board, is alone sufficient knowledge for the American demands of disavowal and reparation by punishments of the commander of the submarine. Secretary Lansing's second note is probably already in the hands of the Foreign Minister. It was made public here today that the note renames the demands of the United States and goes on to say that the details which Austria referred to in her reply to the first American communication are in no way essential to the discussion. It emphasizes the need of a continuance of good relations between the two countries, which it claims depends upon the action, which the Austrian government takes in this matter.

ONLY MINOR ACTIONS ON THE WEST FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 22.—An official despatch issued here today states that in Belgium artillery activity was again displayed in the region of Hetsas and Boesinghe. Along the road to Lille our troops exploded a mine which seriously damaged the enemy's trenches. Before Dancourt, in the region of Roze, strong German patrols were taken by our fire, they immediately fled, abandoning several wounded in their flight. On the heights of the Meuse our batteries caused an explosion at a German munitions depot. In the Vosges, at Hartmannswelskopf, after a series of local actions, the enemy gained a footing in one section of the trenches which we captured from them yesterday, and which were being held by our advanced detachments. The number of German prisoners taken at this point surpasses 1,300.

A Belgian official communication received here reads: "To the north of Dixmude our heavy guns completed the destruction of a block-house which was overturned yesterday and which the enemy were attempting to repair."

RUSSIANS AT VARNA PLEASES LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 22.—An Athens despatch to the Reuters Telegraph Company, dated Tuesday evening says that news of the landing of Russian forces at Varna has created a favourable impression here, correcting the erroneous idea as to the Entente's leniency towards Bulgaria.

WILL NOT FIGHT WITH THE GREEKS UNLESS ATTACKED

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—The "Deutsche Tage Zeitung," of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here, says that the Bulgarian troops are entering Greek territory, but if they are not attacked by Greek troops they will confine their operations to the seizing of the railway to Saloniki.

GENEVA FINDS SPY

GENEVA, Dec. 22.—The secretary of the Austrian consulate here, Herr Taussig, has been arrested on a charge of espionage. The charge is said to have grown out of an alleged denunciation by Mrs. Merrick Hildebrand, of Louisville, Ky., who was recently expelled from Germany after arrest and imprisonment on a charge which she says was not made known to her. She came to Geneva and caused a strong protest to be forwarded from Washington against what she said was unwarranted treatment, and which was accorded to her by the German authorities.

RUSSIAN REPORTS TELL OF MANY ENCOUNTERS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—An official communication issued here today tells of many encounters both with Germans and Turks, the Teutonic troops being in many places dressed in white uniforms as a means of colour protection. The despatch runs as follows:

"In the Riga region our artillery has successfully cannonaded several German aeroplanes and captive balloons. Near Splock, on the Island of Falen, an artillery duel resulted in our favour. In the region of Jacobstadt and Dvinsk our artillery fire dispersed the Germans who were carrying out the construction of new works. Near Arbidian, Illukst, Tennenfeld and South Vidys successful encounters with the enemy's scouting patrols took place. Our aviators again bombarded the enemy's trains which were travelling towards Svientsiany."

"In Galicia, west of Trembowla, in the region of the village of Tiuzkov, the enemy carried the height which lay before our lines. One of our detachments, however, assumed the offensive and charged the enemy, capturing about 50 prisoners. The retreating enemy was afterwards surprised by our patrols and cavalry scouts, who took another 40 men, including 3 officers, as well as a large quantity of arms and ammunition. South of Bucracz, in the region of Chinielow, our troops frustrated an attempt of the enemy's forces, who were clad in white uniforms, to approach our trenches."

"On the Caucasus front, on the night of the 15th instant, our scouts along the front between the villages of Aklamount and Putiuzeff vigorously attacked the Turks, and after driving them from their trenches made advances. The Turks brought up reserves, however, and delivered four counter attacks, but they were all repulsed. We inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy, our artillery co-operating very successfully. In the region of Van some of our detachments drove back detachments of the enemy and 150 of our men occupied Binor Pass."

"In Persia our troops have occupied Noveran and Kom."



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PARLIAMENT PROLONGED EIGHT MONTHS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The House of Commons today passed bills prolonging the life of the present parliament eight months and increasing the strength of the British army by a million men. Both were passed without discussion. The Army Bill passed the committee stage whole at last night's session after a fifteen hours' sitting. The newly authorized army, Tennant stated to the House to-night, would be the largest army ever raised in this country. Mr. Tennant gave figures as to the large reserve requirements of an army under modern war conditions, saying that it was necessary to have at home in reserve 1.8 men for every soldier in the field. This estimate was based on the enormous wastage which during the first year of war had figured out at 15 per cent.

It is said that a Kelowna lady who has several times expressed her opinion that the atrocities of war are just too terrible for anything has gone down to the Coast for the Christmas holidays and has left the cat with a can of condensed milk and no can-opener.

"Jenkins says he and his wife are sending us a little Christmas present. What kind do they usually give?"

"Excellent. Why some of those they gave ten years ago are still going the rounds."

LUMBER

Rough or Dressed.

Shingles, Lath, Sash, Doors, Mouldings, Etc.

Kelowna Saw Mill Co., Ltd.

The Nanaimo-Comox Farmers' Institute shows a membership of 315 for the year just closing.

Women have commenced this week doing the work of motor-men on the Berlin street cars.

It's about time for Germany to retaliate for England's reprisal for Germany's revenge for England's reply to Germany's air raid.

Don't forget that though it is unusual to have so many chocolates and nice things to run at all day, long there is no Christmas gift or novelty about a billious attack.

\$5.00 REWARD TO ANY person returning pair gauntlet fur gloves to Courier Office. Owner's name inside. Lost on December 22.

Rae's Xmas Sale

Your Last Shopping Day Before Christmas

Shop at this Sale--It's the one place to save half and more

December will see the finish of Rae's Wind-up Sale and we are anxious to get the stock as low as possible by the New Year. To attain this end we are offering the greatest values in all lines of merchandise in the store. Nothing here reserved. Here you can effect enormous savings on your Xmas purchases. See our line of Slippers, Shoes, Infant's Footwear, Gloves, Ties, Hosiery, etc. The prices will convince you of the savings to be effected here

Don't forget Friday is the last day for entry in our COMFORTER DRAWING. Every purchaser to the extent of \$1.00 is entitled to a ticket and a chance to win this Handsome Eiderdown Comforter, valued at \$15.00. To be drawn for Xmas Eve at 9 p.m. at

RAE'S CASH STORE

Hewetson & Mantle Block

A FEW EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSCRIPTION ACT

That compulsory military service is on the statute books of Canada and requires only action by the Dominion Cabinet to put it into effect is pointed out in an article on the "Legal Aspect of Military Service in Canada" in the Canada Law Journal.

The liability of the militia of Canada for service is defined in Section 69 of the revised statutes of Canada (1906) as follows:

"The Governor-in-Council may place the militia, or any part thereof, on active service anywhere in Canada and also beyond Canada for the defence thereof, at any time when it appears advisable so to do by reason of emergency."

The Law Journal argues that it is clearly an emergency now, so that the power of the Government to demand the Canadian militia to serve beyond the boundaries of Canada is unquestionable.

The Canadian Law Journal continues: "As to the individual liability of our male population for military service under Section 15 of the present Act their

liability to serve shall be divided into four classes. 'Class 1 shall comprise those of 18 and upward but under 30, unmarried or widowers without children. Class 2, all those of the age 30 and upwards, but under 45, unmarried or widowers without children. Class 3, all those of the age of 18 and upward, but under 45, married or widowers with children. Class 4, all those of 45 and upward, but under 60. The said several classes shall be called in the order in which they are referred to in this section.'

"The words 'the classes fixed by this Act' shows clearly that class 1 shall be exhausted before class 2 is taken, and so on in order of the Act. During this war very many married men have gone to the front, leaving their families to be maintained by the public, while too many of the unmarried men have not enlisted."

"Section 25 of the Act enacts that the Governor-in-Council shall make all regulations necessary for the enrolment of persons liable to military service, and for all procedure in connection therewith, and for determining, subject to the provisions

of this Act, the order in which the persons in the classes fixed by this Act shall serve."

"As to the power to enroll men, Section 26 of the Dominion Act reads as follows: 'When men are required to organize or complete a corps at any time, either for training or for an emergency, and enough men do not volunteer to complete the quota required, the men liable to serve shall be drafted by ballot.'

"The Empire is and has been at war since August 4, 1914, and the British Dominions and dependencies, including Canada, have and are, de jure and de facto, at war also. If ever the Militia Act, as part of the law of the land, is to come into force, it should be now, and there are very many who think the time has come."

Following the seizure of mail bags on the steamship Helligolav from New York, the Foreign Office states that out of 300 bags of parcel mail on the vessel from Sweden, 109 contained nothing except rubber, all of which were consigned to a forwarding agent in Sweden.

BOY SCOUTS' COLUMN

Kelowna Troop.

"Troop First! Self Last!" To the Leaders, Seconds and Scouts of Kelowna Troop:-- The Scout Masters attached to the Troop are glad to have the opportunity, through this column, of wishing each one of you a Happy Christmas and all good luck for the coming year.

The good old wish which we have all heard so often before at this season of the year—"A Merry Christmas to You!"—seems a little out of place just now while our Empire is going through its trial of deadly peril and so many of our homes are anxiously thinking of the safety of their relatives and friends in the battle swept fields across the ocean, and in many cases are even mourning their loss. We know though that it takes a time of trial and stress to bring out the qualities which show the "stuff" of which a man or boy is made, and, as it is with men and boys, so it is with the nations. The past year and a half have been showing us the "stuff" of which the nations comprising the British Empire are made, and surely we have seen much for which we can be happy. There is no influence which can do so much for any life as happiness mingled with sorrow, and so we know that our wish for you this Christmas-tide can be fulfilled. We so earnestly hope, too, that when your places are taken by the Scouts who will be provided by the generation after you these Scouts of the future will have cause for happiness when they look out and see of what those Scouts who have gone before them are making their lives.

The coming of the New Year is a time when many people make what they call "new resolutions." Many are made and many are broken. A Scout on being invested makes one big resolution, in the "Three-fold Promise," which will do him for all the years to come, and which includes all the resolutions for good one could possibly make. Let us consider then how we have kept this Promise during the past year, and endeavour to live up to it much more strictly during the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,
E. C. WEDDELL, S. M.
J. GORDON, S. M.
R. THOMAS, S. M.

ORDERS by command for week ending January 1st, 1916.

DUTIES.—Orderly Patrol for week, Eagles; next for duty, Kangaroos.

PARADES.—The Patrol Leaders and Seconds will parade at the Club room on Monday, December 27, at 7.30 p.m.

THE TROOP will parade at the Club room on Tuesday, December 28, at 7.30 p.m.; in full dress uniform without staves. At 7.45 we shall receive our visitors and we hope that every Scout will turn out for this parade and bring his parents, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends with him. Our quarters, we know, are small but we hope to at least provide standing room for all. Each Scout will be notified during the week by his Patrol Leader what he is expected to bring in the way of refreshments.

"PIONEER."

A proposal is on foot that Cranbrook and Creston should amalgamate in the formation of a creamery.

Restriction by the Newfoundland government on the export of cod liver oil from that colony has been announced, because information has been received that a large quantity of oil has found its way to Germany, where the glycerine contained in it could be utilized in the manufacture of explosives.

RUTLAND

Church Notes.

Beginning with the New Year a religious crusade will be carried on by the churches here for a week or two. The Methodists and Presbyterians have agreed to unite and hold special services and these will not only be directed to the quickening of the religious life but also to the arousing of an interest in those who, in the past, have manifested little or no interest in these matters. The promoters have been encouraged to hold these meetings because of the success which attended similar united meetings last year. Subjects will be discussed of permanent and practical interest to every Christian or prospective Christian, including revival, conversion, faith, repentance, etc. The meetings will be directed by Rev. Gordon Tanner of the Methodist Church and Rev. D. Lister of the Presbyterian Church. A very cordial invitation is extended to all and doubtless a large response will be the result.

On Christmas Day a united Christmas service will be held in the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock. Rev. G. Tanner and Rev. D. Lister will conduct the service.

200-ACRE FACTORY BUILT IN EIGHT WEEKS

As an example of what has taken place in England to meet the urgent call for more ammunition there are now within the Leeds area 500 workshops, old and new, busy on shells and other munitions. At the outbreak of war there was not a single munition factory in this district. In another part of England a large armament firm is now employing about 60,000 persons, including 6,000 women, and before the war they were only employing a negligible fraction of these numbers. There is a filling factory in Scotland which covers 200 acres and has eleven miles of trolley lines to take the material to the different shops and twenty-two miles of heating pipes to warm the buildings. The erection of this vast and entirely new establishment was only begun six weeks ago, but so rapid has been the progress that it is already ready for occupation and early in the new year it will be running full blast.

As a result of petitions signed by over 100 citizens, Reeve Conklin, of Penticton, has decided to run again for re-election, in spite of his previous determination not to enter municipal life again.

The Kettle Valley Railway is contemplating building an ice house at Penticton which will have facilities for storing 1,500 tons of ice.

The Summerland Poultry Show was held on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

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THE RURAL EDITOR

Consider the editor. He wear-eth purple and fine linen. His abode is amongst the mansions of the rich.

Lol! All the people breaketh their necks to hand him money. A child is born unto the wife of a merchant of the bazaar. The physician getteth 10 golden plunks. The editor writeth a stick and a half and telleth the multitude that the child tippeth the beam at nine pounds. Yea, he lieth even as a centurian. And the proud father giveth him a cigar.

Behold the young one groweth up and graduateth. And the editor putteth into his paper a swell notice. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of the wisdom of the young woman, and of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the roses of Sharon is she and her gown is played up to beat the band. And the dressmaker getteth two score and four iron men. And the editor getteth a note of thanks from the S.G.G. The daughter goeth a journey. And the editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column solid. And the fair one remembers him from afar with a picture postcard that costeth a sixth part of a jitney.

Behold, she returneth and the youth of the city fall down and worship. She picketh one, and lo, she picketh a lemon. But the editor calleth him one of our most promising young men and getteth away with it. And they send unto him a bid to the wedding feast, and behold, the bids are fashioned by Montgomery and Hawbuck, in a far city. Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth ten bones. The groom standeth the editor off for a 12-month subscription.

All flesh is grass, and in time the wife is gathered into the silo. The minister getteth his bit, and the undertaker getteth his likewise. The editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry and a card of thanks. And he forgetteth to read the proof on the head, and the darn thing cometh out "Gone to Her Last Roasting Place."

And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceedingly great jumps. And they pulleth out their ads. and cancelth their subscriptions and they swing the hammer unto the third and fourth generations.

Canst thou beat it? "Pittsburg Druggist."

Many people say we need not teach children to love their country, because patriotism comes naturally. But this is not the case. Patriotism is more a matter of education and environment; it is brought about principally by environment and the possession of something which makes it worth while to fight for one's country.

Therefore if we want patriotism the first thing we must attend to is social reform, so that everybody shall have something for which to fight. First we should show children why they should be patriotic; then we should teach them sane patriotism. Teach them to have a sense of duty and discipline, and let their watchwords be "Responsibility, duty, sympathy, and self-sacrifice." For the man of to-morrow must be a man of character.

The Federal Council at Berlin has adopted a decree prohibiting bakeries from using eggs in baking cakes, or above 100 grammes each of fat and sugar to 500 grammes of flour. The official explanation offered for putting the decree in force tomorrow says it is designed to prevent the wasteful use of eggs and fat during Christmas, a self-denial which the civilian population can easily bear.

CHRISTMAS HOLLY AND CHRISTMAS TREES

The Origin of Many Christmas Customs.

In many northern parts of Continental Europe, where the Gauls, Franks and the northmen observed the stern rites of the severe religion of a strong hearted race, trees formed an important part in the festal observance of the feast days. The pine tree—ever in all ages an object of deserved admiration—was greatly revered by the northern folk. At the time of the mid-winter celebration the northmen hung gifts upon the tree for their gods. As is readily seen, when the early fathers of the church came to this fierce people with their message of peace it was easy to change the idea of gifts proffered to heathen deities into custom where offerings were made to the Christian God. Thus from such humble beginnings began the cherished customs which are our heritage of today. Gift giving on the birthday of Christ may be logically traced to that observance prevalent in the middle ages of having Christmas boxes wherein offerings were placed for the priests. Christmas boxes gradually became an institution in Christian families as well.

Hanging up the stockings on Christmas Eve, as the institution of good St. Nicholas, old Santa Claus, is of purely Christian origin and started in Germany many hundred years ago. It has become one of the most cherished of the Christmas customs of the civilized world.

There is also a legend in Germany that when Eve plucked the fatal apple the leaves of the tree immediately shrivelled into needle points and its bright green turned dark. The nature of the tree changed, and it became an evergreen, in all seasons preaching the story of man's fall through that first act of disobedience. Only on Christmas does it bloom brightly with lights and become beautiful with love gifts. The curse is turned into a blessing by the coming of the Christ child, and thus we have our Christmas tree.

B. C. HONEY CROP

1915 A Poor Year.

A report just issued by Mr. F. Dundas Todd, Provincial Bee Inspector, states that on the 1st October of this year there were listed on the records of the Department of Agriculture the names of 1,160 bee-keepers in the province. From all of them there was requested a honey-crop report for the season and 326 responded, from which it has been found that from 2,417 colonies a crop of 57,245 lbs. of honey has been gathered, making a total of 23 lbs. per hive. Assuming that those reporting are fairly representative bee-keepers a little calculation will show that the total honey crop of the province in 1915 was probably about 100 tons.

In the Okanagan Lake district 113 bee-keepers are listed and of these only 36 submitted reports, representing 328 hives, with a crop of 6,761 lbs., or an average of 20 lbs. per hive, but although the Okanagan is below the average there are only 15 districts out of the total of 29 for the whole province which figures out higher. Pemberton Meadows easily tops the list with an average of 82 lbs. per hive, the next being Nicomen with 55 lbs., the Arrow Lakes being at the other end with only 3 lbs. per hive.

The oldest bee-keepers in the province are unanimous in stating that the season of 1915 yielded the poorest honey crop in their experience, the opinion being that it is only about one-third of what it has been for the last 30 years.

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LOST.—During June, 1915, two 3-year-old steers, branded V—V right ribs, "plug bat" left ribs. \$10 reward per head for information as to the whereabouts of these steers; \$5 for any other cattle branded either of above brands. Guy Ford, Oyama. 19-5

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Including waists for children. from 1 to 14 years. Mrs. J. H. Davies will be at Mrs. Mathie's, over Davies & Mathie's Pendozi St., (phone 196) between the hours of 2.30 and 5.30 p.m. Saturday of each week to meet ladies wishing to order corsets. P. O. Box 126, Kelowna.

Mr. G. S. Clark, the assistant clerk at Penticton, resigned his position last week and joined the forces for overseas service. A presentation of a pair of military brushes in case was made by the staff of the municipal offices as a token of the pleasant relationship which had always existed between Mr. Clarke and the other city employees.

A charter is being applied for at Ottawa for a new telephone company to operate in British Columbia. The company will be styled The Western Canada Telephone Company.

RURAL DEPOPULATION

I consider the lack of homes on the farm to be the chief cause of our sad rural depopulation. Because, first, most honourable men and women desire to have a home of their own some time; and as this cannot be secured on the average Ontario farm young people naturally gravitate to the city, where a modest cottage can be secured. Another point is this: Farmers should engage their help for a year; and not for seven or eight months, as the custom is. During the remaining months the young man has to get his living somewhere, unless he boards, so he goes to the city shops as a rule, and there he loses his liking for the farm, and is lost to us. Give your man a cow and garden and place for a few chickens and a couple of pigs. This does not mean much to the employer, but makes your man happy and contented. Conditions like these will ensure stability of service between employer and servant; the latter having his family ties to consider cannot or will not leave his place at every little tiff that may occur between his employer and himself. Personally I have as a rule provided homes for my men, and have had their services from five to fifteen years without a ruffle; while my neighbours, who were just as fair and kind, were hustling every spring for help.—Walter Murray, Princeton, Ont.

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Local and Personal News

Miss Carr was a passenger to Vancouver on Tuesday.

Miss Cobb left for Vancouver on Tuesday morning.

Miss Lillian Thompson went down to Vancouver on Saturday.

Mrs. Gouvin left on Tuesday morning for Peace River Crossing.

Richard Taylor, a nephew of Miss Caldwell, left for Greenwood on Friday morning.

The usual monthly Church of England service at Rutland will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, the 26th instant.

Miss Alicia Miller and Miss Margaret Miller left on the "Sicamous" yesterday morning for New York, en route for England. They will cross to Liverpool by the White Star liner "Lapland."

Owing to the absence of Mr. R. Gray with his regiment at Vancouver, the 11 o'clock service on Christmas Day at St. Andrew's, Okanagan Mission, will be taken by Mr. W. D. Walker.

"PEACE ON EARTH."

(By Rev. G. R. Welch, in the Westminster Review, Vancouver).

Christmas 1915 will ever be sadly memorable. It ought to be eloquent of love, life, peace and joy. But the chasm between what should be and what is makes one shudder. That first Christmas the promised Messiah came to set up His peaceful reign. It was a time of gladness and thrilling expectancy. The skies were vocal with His praise. Wondering shepherds left their flocks to seek and worship the new-born King. A radiant star illumined the East and in due time drew the gift-laden Magi to worship at His feet. Then prophecy, reborn, called Him Jesus, Saviour, and hailed Him the fulfilment of Isaiah's prediction, "Unto us a child is born. . . and His name shall be called . . . The Prince of Peace." The very thought of it set devout souls asinging. Mary voiced her "Magnificat" and Simeon his "Nunc Dimittis." That was a Christmas worth while!

But Christmas 1915! In many ways and for multitudes it is unutterable. Not the peace-loving Christ, but Mars, god of war and cruelty, reigns in the world today! The carnage of the trenches; the unspeakable horror of the ungathered dead; the broken bodies of the wounded; homes of mourning; gaunt famine and black pestilence; martyred nations and ruined cities; such waste of life, wealth and energy; are defiled and religion crucified afresh; such a woeful harvest of pain and tears, of hypocrisy and psalms of hate! Who shall tell the pitiful, painful story of the collapse of civilization, of humanity's degradation, of the utter blasting, seemingly, of the first Christmas promise and hope!

To be confidently cheerful this Christmas-tide demands the robust faith of the seer, the clear vision that sees the far-off great event towards which the whole creation moves. Today we need horizon and perspective. Soul sees what is denied to sense, and faith "endures" as seeing Him who is invisible." Though the world seems tottering on its foundations, yet He whose birth again we celebrate has declared, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away." Do we dare to be-

Lieut. Simeon left again for Victoria on Tuesday morning.

Miss Gilchrist was a passenger to the Coast on Saturday.

Mr. L. E. Taylor went up to Vernon this morning.

Mr. W. A. Pitcairn returned to Vernon this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Renfrew were passengers on Tuesday morning's boat for Victoria.

Mr. C. H. James, municipal electrician of Summerland, spent Friday in Kelowna.

Miss Lillian Corbett left on Monday morning for West Demars, near Nakusp.

WEDDING

WOODD—HILL

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at 7.30 on Wednesday morning in St. Michael's & All Angels Church, when the Rev. Thomas Greene united in matrimony Alexander Basil Woodd, of East Kelowna, son of Mr. Alexander Woodd, of Brentford, Middlesex, England, to Miss Lillian Alice Hill, daughter of Mr. Isaac Hill, of Tremore, Co. Down, Ireland.

The bride was given away by Mrs. A. L. Soames, and Mr. T. Gillespie acted as best man to the groom. After the ceremony the happy couple proceeded to the wharf and left on the "Sicamous" for Vancouver, where a honeymoon will be spent.

Mr. Woodd is well known in East Kelowna, being in charge of Major Lindsey's ranch during his absence at the front.

lieve Him? If so, what do His words of lasting peace portend? Certainly not final failure, the defeat of righteousness and death of love, but rather the reign of Justice, Brotherhood and the Spirit of Christ with lasting peace ensuing.

So we look even in these stressful times for a better world after the war. We chant no dirge, but sing the song of final victory. The terrific storm flattens all before it. But after, cloud comes sunshine, with nature more radiantly lovely, than before. So shall it be when the soldiers leave the trenches. Before the war-cloud burst the nations were sick unto death with crass materialism and selfishness. No civilization with such a virus in its blood could last. So the All-wise Surgeon deep drives his knife, but after that the healing, and a sweeter, saner, wholesomer world to follow. Christmas then is Christmas still, and with brave hearts we'll carol our gladness and praise as of old:

There is a song so thrilling,
So far all songs excelling,
That he who sings it sings it
oft again;
No mortal did invent it,
By God by angels sent it,
So deep and earnest, yet so
sweet and plain.

The love that it revealeth,
All earthly sorrows healeth;
They flee like mist before the
break of day.
When, O, my soul! thou learnest
This song of songs in earnest,
Thy cares and sorrows all
shall pass away.

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I. O. G. T. HOLD CHRISTMAS REVELRY

The Juvenile Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was the first lodge of the season to hold its Christmas festivities in Kelowna, when, in conjunction with the Schior Lodge, a Christmas Tree and entertainment was given in the lodge room on Tuesday. The evening was entirely given over to games and merriment and at about 10.30 Santa Claus put in an appearance and distributed gifts and other good things to 60 members of the Juvenile Lodge. He also remembered many members of the Senior Lodge, and the Lodge Deputy, Mr. W. B. Pearson, was presented with a skipping rope, presumably to skip merrily through the New Year. After the departure of Santa, refreshments were served and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very successful evening to a close.

The members of the Juvenile Lodge are holding a concert on Thursday evening, Dec. 30, at 8 o'clock, in the Lodge room. A good programme is being arranged and a large attendance is asked for, so as to help defray the expenses of the Christmas Tree. Admission will be 20c, children 10c.

A few more children are needed to complete the choruses in the coming production of "In Sunny France" being given at the Opera House in aid of the Red Cross Society. Children between the ages of 5 and 8 are wanted.

The executive of the Kelowna Volunteer Reserve have decided to drill during the winter months on Thursday afternoons at 2.30 with the overseas contingent. Evening drills will be discontinued until further notice.

CHRISTMAS HOLLY

The custom of using holly at Christmas time is of great antiquity, and is believed to have come from the ancient pagan festivals. It was used at Christmas by the early Christians. According to tradition, holly is the bush in which Jehovah appeared to Moses. It grows in every country and there are over one hundred and fifty varieties, so that it flourishes in every climate. The mistletoe was connected with the heathen Saturnalia and was adopted into the Christian festivities. It was an object of special veneration by the ancient Druids, but only when it grew upon an oak tree. At the time of the winter solstice the Druids gathered the mistletoe with great ceremony, and the people hung sprays of it over their doors as an offer of shelter to the gods of the forest during the cold season. It was first hung in the servants' hall in Britain, but soon invaded the parlour and the drawing-room. The idea of kissing under the mistletoe is a relic of Scandinavian mythology. Loki hated Balder, the Apollo of the North. Everything that springs from earth, fire, air and water had given its promise under oath not to hurt Balder except the mistletoe, which was deemed too insignificant to be asked. Loki made an arrow of mistletoe which he gave to blind Hoder to shoot, and which killed Balder, who was restored to life at the request of the gods. The mistletoe was then given to the Goddess of Love to keep and every one who passed under it received a kiss to show that it was an emblem of love, not of death.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT AT OKANAGAN MISSION

Last Thursday evening the packing house at Okanagan Mission was filled with an audience of 160 people who attended an amateur variety entertainment conducted by the people of the Mission in aid of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The number of the audience exceeded all expectations, with the result that a few people were unable to obtain seating accommodation in the limited quarters. However, any discomfort was soon forgotten by the entertaining nature of the performance which delighted one and all and gave rise to most complimentary criticism on every hand.

The programme was distinctly original in its variety and included tableaux, two dialogues, songs with choruses and a sketch. In addition to this, Mrs. Soames kindly sang two songs and gave two recitations, all of which were appreciated to the utmost. The tableaux were a novelty for the district, the first one, in which 6 children took part, was pronounced very pretty by everyone. The dialogues were given by Miss Middlemass and Mrs. Pease, "Cheerful and Musical"; and by Miss Dykes and Mrs. Gardner, "Crossed Questions and Crooked Answers"; both were exceedingly amusing and provoked much laughter. The sketch portrayed the people of Okanagan Mission so "broke" that they were applying to get on the stage in the hope of earning a livelihood by adopting a new occupation. The absurdity of the first suggestion appeared to prove a great hit with the audience, but the acting of some of the participants in the sketch appeared to indicate that some of the people of the Mission would be far from out of place if they were on the professional stage. A performance by Pierrots also proved very popular, and the appearance of two extra performers in the shape of two Aberdeens added much to an evening already crammed with amusement. The addition of Mr. J. H. Thompson's song, "A Chip off the Old Block," his two humorous recitations, and Mr. R. H. Bartholomew's "Lucky Jim" also met with a good reception and served to heighten the merriment.

It must be very gratifying to those who organized the entertainment to see the splendid results achieved, the amount netted for the Red Cross Society being \$68.00. The gross receipts for the evening were \$84.00, the balance being incurred by the expenses of the evening.

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A Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS festivities this year will, in many homes, be celebrated with a feeling of great thanksgiving. The year that has passed has been one of trial. Some of us have sounded depths of sorrow such as we had never known before. We have come through a great testing time, and should be better men and better women for it.

Let us each, on Christmas morning, in the joy that surrounds the festivity, give a thought to those who are fighting for us. Noble men and women, who by their sacrifice have made, and are making, it possible for us to enjoy in a free spirit the festival Yuletide.

We miss from our homes, from our offices and from our factories, many cherished friends. We hope that ere another Christmas comes, we may welcome them back with us and that the strife may be ended.

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celling the work of older hands.

Peanut and Pop Corn girls were Misses Minnie Curtis and Bessie Haug. Flower Stall girls were Misses Dorothy Morrison, Phyllis Teague and Nellie Whitehead. Fancy Stall girls were Misses Vivian Walkem, Hilda Duggan and Birdie Small. Candy Stall girls were Misses Evelyn Fletcher and Isabelle Copeland. The two cashiers were Misses Dorothy Forrest and Kathleen Crowley. Miss Marguerite Budden was kept busy wrapping parcels. A 5 cent stall was managed by Misses Constance Knox, Iris McKay and Eva Blackmore. Miss Pearl Downing sold tickets for the raffle of the brass bed. The requirements of Santa Claus were most efficiently looked after by Miss Ursula Whitehead.

C. Duggan, assisted by Doris Teague, Kathleen Kenzie, Mabel Duggan and Miss Cooper, looked after the catering. The management of the whole affair was in the competent hands of Mrs. F. E. Small, whose notoriety for successful management of children's affairs is more firmly planted than ever. It has been Mrs. Small's habit in past years to provide a party or entertainment for children at Christmas time, and the successful manner in which she has this year turned it to the good account of the young people's Red Cross Society to the tune of over \$100 deserves the highest commendation.

"Dearest," he said, "can't I get you a nice diamond ring for Christmas?"

"No, darling," whispered the far-seeing young thing; "I will take the ring now. Let Christmas bring its happy surprises, just as usual."

BRITISH TOLERANCE WORSE THAN FOLLY

We Have Seen how German policy, inspired by greed and lust of power and carried out with secrecy and treachery, has carried war and sedition and racial hatred from the time of the Norman Conquest down to the present hour.

How the highly organized machinery of diplomacy, commerce, espionage, intrigue, bribery, and the dissemination of carefully prepared lies has prepared for and co-operated with the sudden and unprovoked naval and military invasion of other States.

That every German, from the junior clerk and journeyman barber to the imperial Prince and the strutting Ambassador, is a spy and a sneak and a traitor and a foe.

And Yet though we have against Germany evidence strong enough to hang a John Wesley or a Washington, there are to-day in Britain, British Colonies, in Russia, and even in Belgium, thousands of hopeless pacifists ready to plead for magnanimous treatment of the Huns after the war.

And my chief anxiety is lest these silly, sentimental pedants who expose us to the awful trial and peril of this war should when peace is won at last refuse to take the only steps that can possibly prevent a recurrence of the blunder and the tragedy.

—That is why I am doing my poor best to awaken the people to the true urgency and the terrific significance of the solemn declaration: Never again.—Robert Blatchford.

Don't do yourself too well over turkey bones and such like things on Saturday. Fits are fashionable after Christmas Day.

THE DOMINION TRUST

The strange part of the whole proceeding is that over a year has passed since the greatest financial wreck in the history of Canada was announced to the public and not a single man guilty of wrong doing in connection therewith has been put to the slightest bother by the police. No one has been put in jail though millions have disappeared—and that with the connivance of Government officials.

Since the Dominion Trust began to shake, in our local police courts we have sentenced scores of boys and men and women to jail and penitentiary for the snatching of small articles of little value. One chap in New Westminster got two years for stealing a quantity of bread for—as he claimed—a sick wife and a starving family.

But the people who wrecked the Dominion Trust got away free.

We have sentenced a woman to hang in British Columbia for killing her husband. The evidence is such as to prove that the community does not lose a great deal in the passing of her unlucky lord.

Since the Dominion Trust went down, the cause of at least three or four suicides may be traced directly to the financial collapse. Yet no one hangs and no one goes to jail and no one is even slapped on the wrist.—"Saturday Chinook."

First Modern Child: I'm going to hang up my stocking on Christmas Eve.

Second Modern Child: What for?

First Modern Child: By special request of papa and mamma. You know, they be-fashionable after Christmas Day.

IN SUNNY FRANCE.

A well known theatrical magnate strolled into the Royal Victoria Theatre at Victoria one night last spring. The attraction that evening was the new musical comedy, "In Sunny France," then fresh from the pen of the well known Canadian Poet, Wilson MacDonald. When the magnate left the magnificent theatre after the performance he declared the new opera to be the most original production he had ever seen. He also stated that there was enough good music in the play to make a half dozen musical comedies.

The secret of the popularity of "In Sunny France" lies in its extreme originality. To particularize, in one scene eight girls execute the remarkable feat of dancing, singing and performing sleight-of-hand at the same time. Thirty local children will appear in the production and the author-composer of the play declares the high school girls in his cast are the cleverest dancers he has found in British Columbia. Mr. Grant Ferrier is taking the important role of Bog, the hypnotist, and although Mr. Ferrier is an amateur, the composer believes he has found in him a man with more ability than a majority of so called professionals. Mr. Brown, of Rutland, will appear as Jack Brown, of London, and the manner in which he sings "Tennis" and "My Word" has delighted the heart of the author of these songs. Miss Phyllis Pitt, as Babette, has greatly impressed Mr. MacDonald with her ability and Miss Dorothy Leckie makes a very beautiful Helena Marquis. Miss Lloyd-Jones will dance the difficult love-waltz, with Mr. MacDonald as the curtain falls on the first act, and this will be a feature well worth seeing. The author also considers himself very fortunate in securing so clever a girl to take the part of the Talking Doll as Miss Day DeHart.

Miss Eva and Miss Kate North are each taking important parts in the play, and Miss Date Leckie has the animated role of Jeanne. Miss Violet Bailey takes the part of the demure country girl. Mr. William Edwards is the moving picture man and his models are Miss Marjory Leckie, Miss Mary Ferrier, Miss Nellie Shayler and Miss Kerr of Glenmore. Miss Bessie Gaddes appears as the irresistible Antoinette and little Miss Marguerite Millie makes a very pretty "Impie." As Billberg, the Jew, Mr. Leo Hayes has a chance to display his clever vein of humour, and Fabian is represented by Mr. Jack Paret, who is particularly suited to this part. Mr. Herbert Johnson sings one of the most important songs in the play, and has given other valuable assistance.

The net proceeds of the production will be devoted to some patriotic purposes to be decided upon by the ladies who will diligently work to make the play a success.

Twenty-two performances was the very extraordinary record of "In Sunny France" in Victoria, and William Blakemore, the leading musical critic on the Coast, declared the song "Tennis" to be the most tuneful, catchy topical song heard in many a day, adding that if it was published it would make the author's fortune.

IN SUNNY FRANCE will be presented in the Kelowna Opera House on the evenings of January 5th and 6th.

Mr. Boyd, Mr. Pryce and the orchestra, are giving their assistance gratis, and have been a bulwark of strength in themselves and a delight to Mr. MacDonald.

Eight members of the crew of a German zeppelin which raided London on October 13 are said to have been found frozen to death on their return to Germany.

BIG MILITARY "SMOKER" TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

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perfection of the spy system was described by an anecdote which told how these same trenches had been entered very quietly so as not to let the Germans know that the French troops were not still there, yet scarcely had they taken their positions than a voice called across from the German trenches: "Hello, you Canadians, vy you come here?" followed by further references to streets in Vancouver. The way in which the Canadians saved the day when the French colonial troops gave way before the German gas was gone into most explicitly with the aid of the map, as was also the British drop back to their new lines so as to hold the town of Ypres and save the big body of 50,000 British and French troops who would have been cut off had the town been captured. When they had been addressed by General Alderson after the fight only 320 were on parade out of 1,100. The fighting at Festubert on the 24th of May was also described, as well as part of the battle of Givenchy Wood, at which latter place, when in the foremost trenches, a British shell had exploded right over his head, and he had remembered no more until he found himself in a military hospital at Rouen.

He complimented the new overseas contingent on having such a fine commander as Col. Warden, and assured them that any time they were in any little difficulty or trouble they had only to take the matter straight to Col. Warden and he would give them the best possible treatment.

At the close of Sergt. Lloyd's address, refreshments were handed round, after which Mr. Wilson MacDonald, who is producing "In Sunny France" in Kelowna early in the New Year, gave a remarkable exhibition of sleight of hand. For nearly a minute Mr. MacDonald made the impossible to an admiring and wondering crowd.

The programme of the evening was then again resumed, Mr. Johnson set the ball rolling with that old favourite "Glorious Devon," and gave as an encore "Goddess Divine." Mr. Leo Hayes caused much amusement with "The Bassoon," and for an encore followed with "That Happy, Happy, Land."

The run of the musical programme was again interrupted, and this time Billy Wilson entertained his eager listeners with a few words telling of his exploits. After only two weeks in England

We wish every one a Very Merry Christmas and

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he had gone to France and had got into the fighting lines without loss of time. The Princess Pats had lost heavily, and when on the 8th May they had gone into action there were only about 650 of them left, but when the roll call had followed after this spell of fighting only 150 had answered to their names out of the original number of 1,900.

The remainder of the programme consisted of a song by Mr. J. M. Paret, "Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold," followed by an encore "My Cleopatra."

Every man who had been in the struggle was now sending and who were displaying the spirit which was felt by every British subject.

Mr. Ferrier then brought a most pleasant evening to a conclusion by a stirring rendering of "The Soldiers of the King," which brought forth a lusty chorus from the audience.

By the time a vote of thanks had been presented to the ladies for their refreshments, and the National Anthem had been sung it was 12.15, and all agreed that the entertainment had been a most enjoyable affair.

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